

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 80

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Charles D. Staley on the occasion of his retirement as the Director of Veterans Affairs for Blount County.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Charles D. Staley is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for many years as the Director of Veterans Affairs for Blount County; and

WHEREAS, a champion of veterans who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors, Mr. Staley will be taking a much deserved retirement in March of 2011; and

WHEREAS, born in Knox County, Charles Staley moved to Blount County in the sixth grade and later graduated from Walland High School; and

WHEREAS, honorably answering the call to military service during the Korean War, Mr. Staley was drafted into the United States Army in 1953. He proudly served his country with honor and an unflinching sense of duty as a Military Policeman at the Fort Jackson Stockade; and

WHEREAS, willing to sacrifice his personal safety and concerns to ensure this nation's freedom, Charles Staley volunteered for overseas duty in March of 1954 and courageously spent several years behind the "Iron Curtain" in Berlin, Germany; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to civilian life, this patriotic gentleman remained committed to his band of brothers and sought out new ways to remember and honor his fallen comrades and their selfless sacrifices by joining the American Legion in 1955 and Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1960. By way of tribute, he conducted the full, twenty-one gun salute for heroes who had gone on to receive their great reward; and

WHEREAS, for a quarter of a century, Mr. Staley has served with acumen and alacrity as a Veterans Service Officer and the Director of Veterans Affairs for Blount County, compassionately ministering to the needs of our valiant warriors and adeptly enabling them to build a better life for themselves; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Charles Staley is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his beloved wife, Helen Staley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Staley exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure, Charles Staley has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, his fellow veterans, and the public alike, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Charles D. Staley for his many years of honorable and astute service as the Director of Veterans Affairs for Blount County, salute his stalwart dedication to our nation's veterans, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.